

Maryland Addictions Director's Council
Workforce Development Committee
Conference Call Minutes ■ July 7, 2010

Members participating in the call:

Kevin Amado, Laura Burns-Heffner, Gary Fry, Tracey Myers-Preston and John Winslow.

Recruitment Committee

Tracey updated the group with regard to the Directory of Addiction Studies that has been set up on the website. (<http://madc.homestead.com/Workforce-Development.html>). All higher education programs that offer addiction programs are provided with area of the school in which the program resides, contact person and link to the school's website. We will continue to update as schools update their offerings.

The participants were also reminded of our Field Placement Directory efforts. It has been challenging gathering information on field placement opportunities. We will continue to gather the information through our Recruitment meetings. Providers have been visiting the Field Placement survey on the website and sharing their information. We will continue to promote this in e-newsletters and at the MADC general membership meetings.

John shared an idea that he came up with regarding offering a Workforce Summit. The purpose of the summit would be to bring members of the field together with members of the higher education community to strategize on how better to expand the workforce. Tracey offered that there may be a number of new opportunities and even funding available as workforce is a component of National Health Care Reform.

There was support for the idea of a summit. Everyone was invited to join a conference call this Friday, July 9 at 10:00am dedicated to discussing how can facilitate a workforce summit.

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Laura shared that she would gladly support our efforts in any way she could. She indicated that she was not sure how long she would be serving in this interim role, but would attend meetings as she was able.

The group discussed the possibility of obtaining a master e-list of all the programs throughout the state. Laura's sense was that a list may not exist of all programs and even those for funded programs was not a very useful tool as it is very difficult to maintain. She will look into this more and report back to the committee

Salary Survey

Gary shared the status of our salary survey. The group asked for Laura's assistance in getting the survey more widely distributed. She will look into this and get back to the committee.

Other Business

Reciprocity

Cindy Shaw-Wilson was unable to participate. We will gain an update for our next call.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28am

The committee will meet again by conference call on Wednesday, August 4 at 9:00am.